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GERMANY'S CENSORSHIP AND NEWS CONTROL

SIR,—The interesting and instructive article on this subject in your July number reminds me that Heine, like so many others, was a victim of Prussian atrocity. In his essay on the History of Religion and Philosophy in Germany he says:

In Germany the censors were to officiate as literary midwives at the birth of printed thoughts, and to strangle such as the Governments might not wish to live. All books, pamphlets, etc., were to be submitted before publication to a censor appointed by the State, and he had full power to erase all he deemed unfit. We Germans are the strongest and wisest of nations; our royal races furnish princes for all the thrones of Europe; our learned men are pre-eminent in all the sciences—and yet—if we wish to insert in a newspaper "My dear wife has given birth to a little daughter, beautiful in Liberty," then the censor grabs his red pencil and strikes out the word "Liberty" (1830).

As a psychiatrist it seems to me that the domination of all the Germans by the great paranoiac does not make for mental soundness, and that retribution is inevitable.

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AN INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY

SIR,—For many years I have been buying at the news stand *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW*. Your attitude on the war is so eminently American and satisfactory to me that I desire to extend to you my congratulations.

There is one matter which appeals to me and which I believe you can bring about through your magazine, and that is the Internationalization of Memorial Day. Our soldiers oversea observed the day this year. As the soldiers both of the North and South who participated in the Civil War are fast answering the last call, it will be for the soldiers of the present war to keep alive the day; and if the nations fighting with us for Democracy and Christian civilization against Hun autocracy and *Kultur* can be induced likewise to observe the day, it would not only become the one International holiday, but would also be a strong link for the future in binding more closely all those that are fighting for our cause.

Hoping that you will think this of sufficient importance to enlist your advocacy thereof, and thanking you for your inspiring editorials, I am,
OMAHA.

E. W. SIMERAL.

[Is it not probable that a new International holiday will evolve from the present war?—EDITOR.]

THE ALIEN PRESS

SIR,—Your article on "The New Fourth of July" in the current number of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW* was exceedingly interesting, and it would be very beneficial if certain certificates of naturalization issued in this country could be cancelled. Although a foreign-born citizen, to me your argument in that respect seems unanswerable. I trust that your article may have a practical effect, and I write to encourage you to press forward until something definite is accomplished. I wish that you would some time in the *REVIEW* express your views upon the prohibition